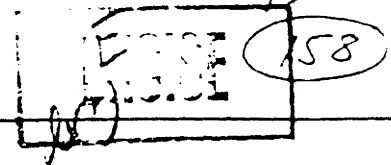


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COOPER ACCOMPANIED ME, AND HELPED BRIEF PRIMIN. LATTER
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